

Fig. 104. Small table-cloth, Mexican drawn thread work.
Materials: Silesian linen, in white, Floss flax
D.M.C. N° 20. or Alsatian thread D.M.C. N° 30. in white.

To make this small table cloth first you will need to secure the edges by means of button-hole stitches (see fig 62). Then draw out twenty threads of the cloth seven times both ways, leaving six intervals of twelve threads in between, so as to get a web with large empty spaces.

Then begin the embroidery at the bottom in the left hand corner, by a long diagonal stitch, to the center of the first square, returning to the starting point with a second diagonal stitch; at the third diagonal stitch, you connect the two stretched threads top and bottom by a feston stitch (see fig 62). All the empty spaces are successively filled in this manner by three long diagonal stitches from left to right. The second row is begun at the bottom in the right hand corner and worked like the preceding row only that you connect the stitches together wherever the threads cross each other. (see detailed fig 105)

When the whole ground is covered with diagonal threads in this manner, you work the little leaves in a darning stitch, hiding the thread on the wrong side, at the back of the squares. Lastly you add the rings made of foundation threads and knots in interverted chain stitch. Those that touch the little leaves in darning stitch are made in a single row; the others, the larger ones that surround the squares without ornament take two rows. For the outside decoration leave a strip of cloth about 2 inches (5cm) wide ornamented by an openwork insertion, (see fig 26) then having edged the outside border of the linen strip with the ladder hem stitch (see fig 3), draw out the horizontal threads to a depth of 1 ½ inches (4cm) to form the fringes.

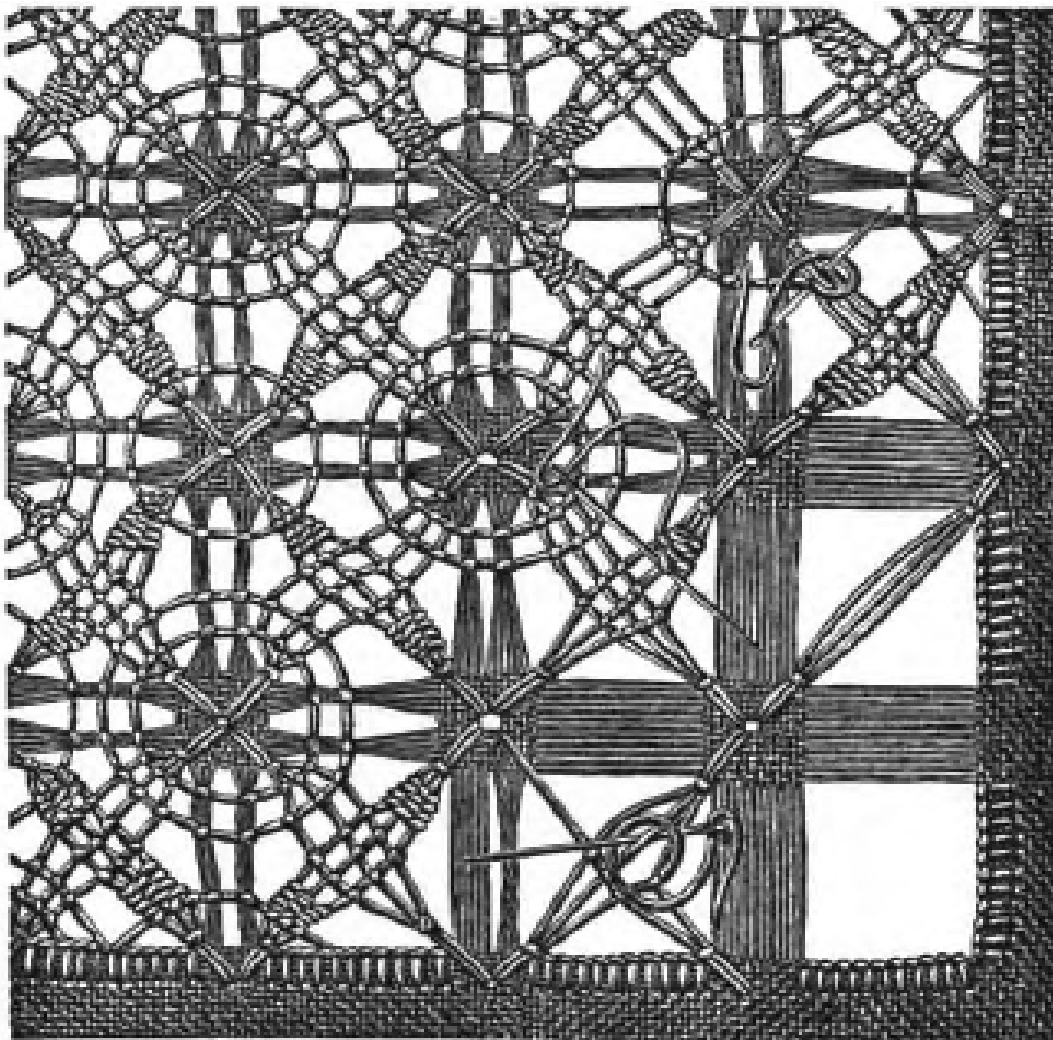


Fig. 105. Working of the openwork ground of the small table-cloth fig. 104.



Fig. 26. Double clusters knotted once in a serpentine line with overcasting stitches.

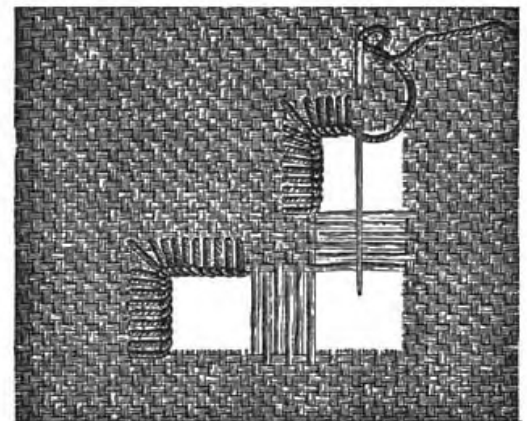


Fig. 62. Festooned edge for cut-stitch embroidery.

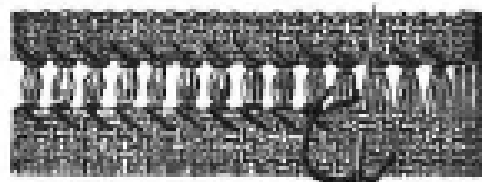


Fig. 3. Ladder hem-stitch.